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Preliminary Amendment

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In The Claims

Please delete claims 1 to 8. Please add the following claims 9 to 15.

9. Trocar sleeve for endoscopic applications, comprising

- an elongate part including at least one passage for insertion of an instrument,
- pivotable parts formed at a distal section of the trocar sleeve by several longitudinal portions articulated on a proximal section of the trocar sleeve, and
- a mechanism for pivoting the individual longitudinal portions about an axis orthogonal to a longitudinal axis of the trocar sleeve.

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